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☐ C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are not now being supplied.

III. Concise Statement of Relevance

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The Examiner will note that English language counterparts or Abstracts of non-English language references are also enclosed, as follows:

WO99/61541 - Corresponds to US 6,444,309 B1.
DE 100 02 180 A1 - Abstract provided.
DE 19 10 730A1 - Abstract provided.
DE 200 22 272 U1 - No English abstract available.
DE 203 06 801 U1 - No English abstract available.
EP 1 123 958 A2 - No English abstract available.
JP 05-017727 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 05-250947 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 07-150126 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 09-208906 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 10-001583 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 10-149725 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 2000-198895 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 2000-200515 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.
JP 2001-049208 - Patent Abstracts of Japan provided.

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☐ E. All listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were cited during the prosecution of the prior application indicated above under II.B.

IV. Additional Information

☐ A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

[Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of these applications are not being submitted.]


☐ B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided on the attached sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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G	DE 199 10 730 A1		Oct. 14, 1999	Certoplast Vorwerk & Sohn GmbH		
H	DE 200 22 272 U1		Sept. 20, 2001	Beiersdorf AG		✓
I	DE 203 06 801 U1		Jul. 17, 2003	Certoplast Vorwerk & Sohn GmbH		✓
J	EP 0 953 599 A1		Nov. 3, 1999	Kyowa Chemical Industry Co.		✓
K	EP 1 097 976 A2		May 9, 2001	Nitto Denko Corporation		✓
L	EP 1 123 958 A2		Aug. 16, 2001	Certoplast Vorwerk & Sohn GmbH		
M	JP 05-017727		Jan. 26, 1993	Toppan Printing Co. Ltd.		✓
N	JP 05-250947		Sept. 28, 1993	Yazaki Corp.		
O	JP 07-150126		Jun. 13, 1995	Nitto Denko Corp.		✓
P	JP 09-208906		Aug. 12, 1997	Sekisui Chem. Co. Ltd.		✓
Q	JP 10-001583		Jan. 6, 1998	Tatsuta Electric Wire & Cable		
R	JP 10-149725		Jun. 2, 1998	Sekisui Chem. Co. Ltd.		✓
S	JP 2000-198895		Jul. 18, 2000	Toyo Chem. Co. Ltd.		
T	JP 2000-200515		Jul. 18, 2000	Toyo Chem. Co. Ltd.		
U	JP 2001-049208		Feb. 20, 2001	Yazaki Corp.		
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